

Date: October 4, 2011

To: Thomas J. Bonfield, City Manager
Through: Theodore L. Voorhees, Deputy City Manager
From: Marvin G. Williams, Director of Public Works
Edward R. Venable, Manager of Engineering and Stormwater
Subject: Contract Amendment No. 2 for City Hall Plaza Street Improvements

Executive Summary

Contract ST-243, City Hall Plaza Improvements Project was awarded to Lanier Construction Company, Incorporated on January 3, 2011. This project consists of a water line installation, storm drainage, curb and gutter, paving, landscaping, water quality elements and a new ADA compliant design entrance for City Hall Plaza. Contract ST-243 encountered numerous unknown underground utilities once pavement removal began. Many of these utility lines, which were not part of the original design, caused numerous redesigns and construction delays for the project. As a result of these unknown utilities, additional construction costs were added to this project. The Public Works Department recommends an additional \$145,000.00 be authorized to amend Contract ST-243 with Lanier Construction Company, Incorporated to complete the project per the revised plans.

Recommendation

The Administration recommends the City Council authorize the City Manager to amend Contract ST-243 City Hall Plaza Street Improvements with Lanier Construction, Incorporated by \$145,000.00 increasing the total contract to \$1,218,439.14.

Background

Contract ST-243 is a construction project that consists of a water line installation, storm drainage, curb and gutter, paving, landscaping, water quality elements and a new ADA compliant design entrance for City Hall Plaza.

Amendment No. 1 approved by the City Council on August 18, 2011 increased the original contract by \$78,000.00 to allow for a revised landscaping design and streetscaping proposed by General Services located at the western end of City Hall Plaza adjacent to City Hall. Amendment No. 2 would increase the existing contract by \$145,000.00 to provide for additional construction costs associated with the numerous unknown underground utilities encountered once construction began. Many of these utility lines, which were not part of the original design, caused numerous redesigns and construction delays for the project. When compared to other streetscape projects, City Hall Plaza holds the distinction of being the most congested downtown street with regards to underground utilities.

Issues/Analysis

An additional \$145,000.00 is requested to pay to facilitate the continuation of Contract ST-243. By extending this existing contract, the City Hall Plaza project can continue uninterrupted, as opposed to this work being included in a future contract. Thus the inconvenience to the public can be limited.

Alternatives

The City Council can choose to not proceed with this additional work or to proceed with the work at a later date. Authorizing the work now secures a negotiated price that is considered fair and reasonable and limits overall disruption to the public.

Financial Impact

Funds for this amendment are budgeted for in the following accounts:

Lanier Construction, Incorporated:

Water Extensions & Improvements	4100P007-731000-P0A25	\$ 72,500.00
Sewer Extensions & Improvements	4100P766-731000-P2636	<u>\$ 72,500.00</u>
Amendment No. 2		\$145,000.00

Original appropriations	\$ 995,439.14
Amendment No. 1	\$ 78,000.00
Amendment No. 2	\$ 145,000.00

Revised Appropriations	\$1,218,439.14
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SDBE Summary

This is a contract amendment and is not reviewed by the Department of Equal Opportunity/Equity Assurance for compliance with the Ordinance to Promote Equal Opportunities in City Contracting.